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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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(ACQUISITION)
DIRECTORS, DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Application of Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act

At the recent DoD Procurement Conference 2001, I reminded attendees of the requirements of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day (JWOD) Act. The JWOD Act is implemented at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 8.7. The "Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled" maintain a list of supplies and services that must be purchased from JWOD participating nonprofit agencies. Military Departments and Defense Agencies must purchase listed items from JWOD sources unless the appropriate central JWOD agency specifically authorizes an exception in accordance with FAR 8.706. Exceptions may be authorized when no JWOD source can meet the required delivery schedule or produce the required quantities economically. Items on the list must be obtained from JWOD sources even when using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card or if the procurement is at or below the micro-purchase threshold.

It is particularly important to pay attention to items on the JWOD list of supplies and services that may be overlooked. An example is foam ear plugs, National Stock Number 6515-00-137-6345, which is listed as a mandatory JWOD item. You may acquire ear plugs from the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP), which stocks ear plugs. However, if you do not obtain ear plugs from DSCP, you must purchase them from a JWOD source unless an exception has been specifically authorized.

Your support of the JWOD requirements is extremely important to the Department and vital to this community. Please share this memorandum with your buyers and requiring communities.

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